



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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At its meeting held May 20, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Thirty-three-year-old, Fernando Diaz, Jr., opened fire at a crowd of people gathered for a carnival at the St. John Baptist de la Salle Catholic Church in Granada Hills on Saturday, May 17, 2008. Fortunately, there were no fatalities but Diaz did injure three people reportedly using a semiautomatic .22-calibur rifle. Diaz’s former girlfriend had a restraining order against him, and he was on active parole.

“Nearly ten years ago, another similar incident occurred in Granada Hills, where a parolee from Washington, by the name of Bufford Furrow, opened fire at the North Valley Jewish Community Center. As a result of that incident, this Board supported the implementation of the DISARM program initiated by me to conduct proactive, unannounced searches of probationers to confiscate illegal weapons and drugs. The incident on May 17 presents another opportunity to review ‘lessons learned’ for consideration in areas that may also apply to the County as it relates to probationers under our supervision.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Chief Probation Officer was directed to:

1. Contact the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to share about the mission and success of the DISARM Program; and

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2. Report back to the Board within three weeks with the following:

- Information from the CDCR about this parolee and the events leading to this incident, including how parolee Diaz acquired his weapon and what, if any, actions should/could have been triggered as a result of the restraining order against him; and
- Recommendations for the County Probation Department and possibly the Courts as it relates to the supervision of County probationers.

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